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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing to express my support of the recent settlement between the federal government and Microsoft. The terms of the settlement seem fair and reasonable, and further litigation on the federal level must be ended to allow business to resume.

Considering the terms of the agreement, Microsoft must make several significant changes in the way they handle business. The company must now allow its competitors to use interfaces from Windows products to develop more accessible and efficient applications, and cannot face retribution from Microsoft for doing so. A "Technical Committee" will ensure that this happens. This would appear to resolve the concerns raised by the litigants.

With the many terms of the agreement, seeking further litigation will be a waste of time and money for not only the taxpayers but the government as well.

Sincerely,

James W. Bowen